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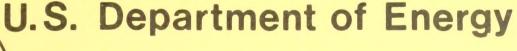
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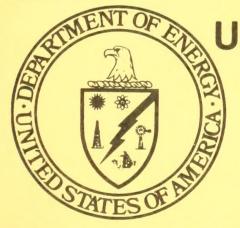
ARATEX SERVICES, INC.

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MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT ARATEX SERVICES, INC. JUNE 1979

I. SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

The ARATEX Services, Inc. site is an industrial laundry in Fresno, California. The solar energy system is designed to provide approximately 20 percent of the energy to maintain the temperature of the process water at 180°F. It has an array of 140 flat-plate, Lexan-glazed collectors manufactured by Ying Manufacturing Company. They face south at a tilt of 30 degrees from the horizontal. The collectors have a gross area of 6,500 square feet. Water is used as the medium for delivering solar energy from the collector array to storage. The solar heated water is stored in a 12,000-gallon tank. Auxiliary energy is supplied by a low pressure, gas-fired boiler. In addition, a heat exchanger, utilizing energy from a waste water storage tank, preheats the city water input supply. The solar energy system can be isolated from the auxiliary heating system in the event of a malfunction without a reduction in overall system heating capacity.

The system, shown schematically in Figure 1, has three modes of operation.

<u>Mode 1 - Collector-to-Storage</u>: During this mode of operation, water is pumped from the water solar thermal storage through the collectors and back into storage. This mode is entered when the temperature of the collector outlet exceeds the storage temperature by 4.5°F and continues until this differential temperature drops below 1.5°F.

Mode 2 - Hot Water Demand: This mode is entered when there is a demand by the laundry for hot water. City water entering the Domestic Hot Water (DHW) system is preheated using the waste water in the 16,500-gallon holding tank. The temperature of the input city water is raised to approximately 115°F before entering water solar thermal storage. As

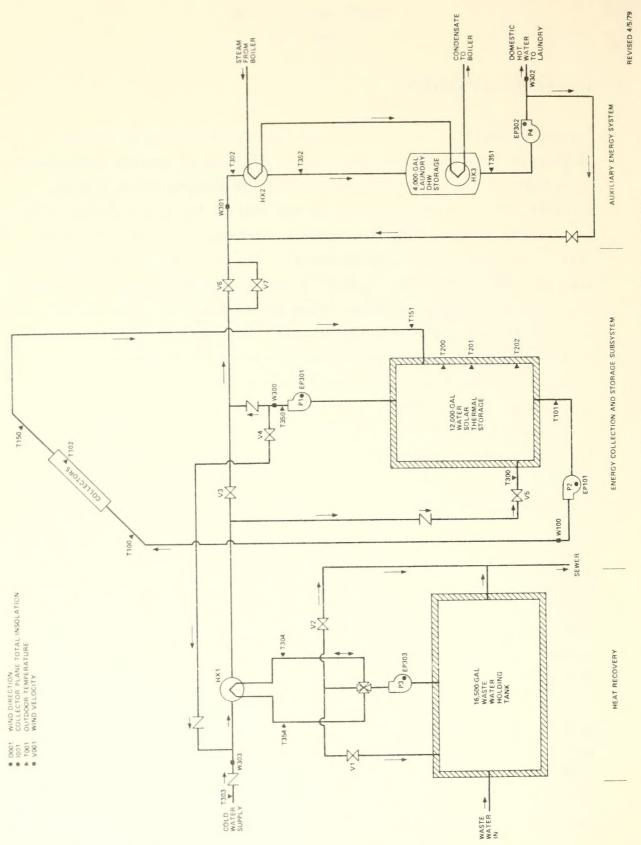


Figure 1. ARATEX SERVICES INC. SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM SCHEMATIC

water is withdrawn from water solar thermal storage, it passes through steam heat exchanger HX2, where auxiliary energy is added to maintain the 4,000-gallon laundry DHW storage at 180°F. Additional energy is supplied to DHW storage by extracting energy from the condensate line of heat exchanger HX3, as shown in Figure 1.

Mode 3 - Storage-to-Waste Water: When the water in the water solar thermal storage reaches 180°F, it is circulated by reverse flow through heat exchanger HX1, in the heat recovery system, thus storing any excess solar energy in the waste water holding tank. This mode is used to prevent overheating the 12,000-gallon fiberglass storage tank and allows the waste water holding tank to be used as a secondary solar storage tank.

II. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

The system performance evaluations discussed in this section are based primarily on analysis of the data presented in the attached computergenerated monthly report. The report consists of daily site thermal energy values for each subsystem, plus environmental data. The performance factors discussed in this report are based upon the definitions contained in NBSIR 76-1137, Thermal Data Requirements and Performance Evaluation Procedures for the National Solar Heating and Cooling Demonstration Program.

A. Introduction

The solar energy system at the ARATEX Services, Inc. site operated continuously during June and satisfied 25 percent of the hot water load. Hot water heating is the only solar-assisted function at this site. The total system load at ARATEX is defined as the sum of the energy supplied by the solar energy system, plus the energy supplied by the auxiliary energy system. The total load was 725.36 million Btu for the month of June.

B. Weather

The Fresno weather has no apparent impact on the energy requirements of the laundry. However, the weather does affect the solar energy collected and used by the laundry. The measured insolation in the plane of the collector array averaged 2,157 Btu/ft^2 -day, during June, which is below the long-term average of 2,286 Btu/ft^2 -day, as derived from measurements taken from the Fresno Airport.

C. System Thermal Performance

<u>Collector Array</u> - Of the 422.35 million Btu of solar energy incident on the collector array during June, only 322.90 million Btu were incident on the array when the collector loop pump P2 was operating. The system collected 123.02 million Btu, or approximately 29 percent of the total insolation incident on the collector array. The operation of the collector pump required 2.28 million Btu.

Storage - The time-average daily temperatures of storage during June ranged from 126°F to 178°F, resulting in an average daily temperature of 141°F for the month. The calculated value of storage efficiency was 91 percent.

Commercial Hot Water Load - During June, there were 24 working days at ARATEX Laundry. A total of 927,510 gallons of hot water was used, for an average of 38,646 gallons of hot water per work day. The value of 30,917 gallons per day shown in the Hot Water Subsystem section of the computer printout is based on 30 days of consumption, which includes weekends and holidays when the water usage is normally zero.

The city water supply entered the heat recovery system at an average temperature of 76°F and was raised to an average temperature of 112°F by extracting 276.78 million Btu of energy from the waste water holding tank. Solar energy and auxiliary energy were added to raise the process water temperature to an average of 170°F. The resulting total system hot water

load was 725.36 million Btu. Of the 725.36 million Btu total system load, 276.78 million Btu were supplied by the heat recovery system. This reduced the energy requirements on the solar and auxiliary energy subsystems to 448.58 million Btu. Of the 448.58 million Btu, 112.72 million Btu were supplied by the solar energy system. The remaining 335.86 million Btu were supplied by the auxiliary energy system.

D. Observations

It can be observed in the attached computer printout of this report that the solar energy collected is less than the solar energy delivered to storage. This is due to unavoidable loss across the collector during short periods of low incident solar energy collection, while the solar collection pump EP101 is operating. The accumulated loss during June was 4.00 million Btu. Normally the total solar energy collected is computed as a function of W100, T100, and T150, while the energy delivered to storage is computed as a function of W100, T101, and T151. In calculating solar energy collected, using T101 and T151 as opposed to T100 and T150, results in a significant difference in measurement.

Solar energy collected using T101 and T151 was more consistent with changes in storage energy during periods when no energy was being extracted from storage, than was the case when T100 and T150 were used to calculate solar energy collected. These energy imbalances can be caused by relatively small uncertainties in the temperature measurements. This is because of the large mass flow rate through the collector array and the small (approximately 5°F to 7°F) temperature change across the collector array. No instrumentation changes would solve this problem. Therefore, T151 and T101 will be used in computing energy collected for storage, as well as energy delivered from storage.

The total hot water consumed at ARATEX is based on the flow sensor W303 as opposed to W302. When comparing the integrated values of W303, W300, and W302 for the month, the result of using W303 more nearly represents the expected hot water consumption. However, using W303 can be misleading when observing hot water consumption on a daily basis, since filling the tanks will appear as hot water consumption; however, this has little effect on the monthly values.

During the month of June, the total energy required to raise the water from the average inlet temperature of 76°F to an average outlet temperature of 170°F was 725.36 million Btu. This 725.36 million Btu is in comparison to the design load of 1,728.03 million Btu. The difference between the actual hot water load and the design load is due to the difference in actual hot water consumption and the expected consumption when the system was in the design phase.

E. Energy Savings

The equivalent fossil fuel saved by the use of solar energy was 187.87 million Btu at the expense of 2.28 million Btu of electrical energy to operate solar collector pump P2. The heat recovery system supplied 276.78 million Btu of thermal energy to meet the hot water load requirements. Converting this to fossil fuel requirements, the additional fossil fuel savings amount to 461.30 million Btu. The operating expense of the heat recovery system was 1.54 million Btu. The fossil energy savings computations for solar as well as the heat recovery system are based on a comparison of the projected energy requirements of a conventional fossil fuel boiler with an efficiency of 0.60 and the energy requirements of the solar energy system.

III. ACTION STATUS

None.

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